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**AMENDMENT** 

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed May 11, 2000, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 5, 18, 26, 36, 41, and 111-114! Please amend claims 1, 24, 35,

40, and 45 to read as follows.

1.(Amended) A method of modulating seed mass or oil content in a plant, the method comprising:

providing a first plant comprising a recombinant expression cassette containing an ADC nucleic acid linked to a plant promoter, which ADC nucleic acid comprises a nucleic acid sequence at least about 80% identical to a nucleic acid sequence selected from a group consisting of